

Israeli, African trade soars

UPIED-JERUSALEM, Feb. 12 (AFP). — Economic relations between Israel and Africa have intensified since the signing of the diplomatic break between the Israeli and African countries, according to figures released. The figures come fast on the heels of a meeting between Israeli premier Yitzhak Rabin and Ivory Coast President Felix Houphouët-Boigny in Geneva a week ago. Israel retains full relations with only Malawi, Hand and Lesotho, large Israeli firms are operating large-scale in about 20 African countries. Over the three years, Israeli exports to Africa have increased \$19 million in 1973, to \$25 million in 1975 and to \$34 million in 1976, according to the figures.

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King Hussein visits Tafileh hospital

(Agencies). — His Majesty King Hussein Saturday flew from Amman to Tafileh south of here and inspected the hospital where the late Queen Alia had visited before she died in the helicopter crash last Wednesday. Hussein was welcomed by a large crowd as his helicopter landed. King talked to patients and toured the departments of the hospital in the hill town overlooking the Dead Sea 130 km here. It was King Hussein's first official outdoor engagement since his wife was buried on Thursday in the grounds of a mausoleum built for her only four months ago. King Alia decided to inspect the hospital after reading a report about it in the press. It was typical of the keen interest shown in the Jordanian people since she became Queen. Pressing the hospital staff, His Majesty said that the ultimate purpose for the hospital or any Jordanian institution lay in the service of duty, the spirit in which they tackled their tasks and their readiness for self-sacrifice. They should not rely on government and buildings, he added. King, who returned here later in the evening was accompanied by Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Chief of the Royal Cabinet Abdul Hamid Sharaf and Commander-in-Chief of the Forces Lt-Gen. Sharif Zeid Ibn Shaker.

rieking demonstrators greet U.N. secretary general in Cyprus

Feb. 12 (R). — U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim arrived in Nicosia today after a long flight from New York. He was greeted by a large crowd of demonstrators, including Greek Cypriots, who were shouting slogans and waving flags. The demonstrators were demanding the withdrawal of Greek Cypriot forces from the island and the restoration of the 1960 constitution. Waldheim was seen to be somewhat taken aback by the demonstration. He was escorted to the UN headquarters by a small contingent of police. The demonstrators then moved on to the Presidential Palace, where they were again seen. Waldheim is expected to remain in Cyprus for several days, during which he will meet with various officials and representatives of the two communities.

q partially opens borders with Syria

US, Feb. 12 (R). — The partially reopened border between Syria and Iraq after a long closure without incident since Wednesday. Sources said here that the border was reopened after a meeting between the two countries' officials. The border was closed in 1975 after a series of incidents. The reopening was seen as a sign of improved relations between the two countries. The border crossing is expected to be busy with trade and travel. The Syrian government has also announced that it will allow Iraqi goods to pass through its territory to other countries. This move is seen as a significant step towards normalizing relations between the two countries.



ING FOR A PRESIDENT — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi places a wreath on the casket of former Indian President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed as it lies in state in New Delhi Saturday.

After conferring with Sadat Genscher pours cold water on German participation at Geneva

CAIRO, Feb. 12 (Agencies). — West Germany believes the Palestinian question is the key to peace in the Middle East but does not feel West German participation at the Geneva peace talks would be useful. West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher declared in Cairo today.

He was speaking at a joint press conference with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat after conferring with Mr. Sadat and other Egyptian leaders. Mr. Sadat has suggested that Britain, France and West Germany should take part in the peace talks.

"We consider that the Palestinian question is the key," Herr Genscher stated. "The legitimate rights of the Palestinian people must be translated into realities."

"At the same time, Israel's right to existence must be recognized and to be sure there must be an end to the occupation of territory," the West German foreign minister declared.

Herr Genscher said that West Germany would certainly contribute towards the stabilization of the Middle East and help solve economic problems. But he poured cold water on the idea of direct participation in the talks.

"Despite the sincerity of the efforts undertaken by the individual participants at this conference, I do not think the likelihood of peace would be enhanced by increasing their numbers. German participation would not add anything."

SPANISH QUEEN HEADS FOR JORDAN

Valetta, Feb. 12 (R). — Queen Sofia of Spain today made a brief stop-over in Malta on her way to Jordan, where she will convey her country's condolences to King Hussein following Queen Alia's death.

Truce Supervisory Committee in Lebanon arrives at final interpretation of Cairo accord

BEIRUT, Feb. 12 (Agencies). — The Arab Truce Supervisory Committee in Lebanon has ended its mission, it was announced in a statement issued by the presidential palace here today, following a meeting of the committee with President Elias Sarkis.

The committee, consisting of the ambassadors of Egypt, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia and a representative of Syria, today decided on its final interpretation of existing agreements between the Lebanese government and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

It was originally created by a summit meeting of Arab kings and heads of state held in Cairo last October. Its main task was to supervise the work of the 30,000-man Arab deterrent force here, and observers suggest that over-all command of the force will now be exercised by Lebanese President Elias Sarkis, who was nominated by the Cairo summit as its commander-in-chief.

No definitive text of the agreements notably the 1969 Arab agreement, between Lebanon and the PLO has ever been published and there have been differing interpretations. No details have yet been released, either of the interpretation of the accords reached by the committee in its meeting today.

Informed sources said that an extremely tough document, both for the presence of Palestinians and commando activity in Lebanon, was studied by the committee. The document was said to be a "rewriting" of the Cairo agreement.

The sources said that under the document's terms, only Palestinians established in Lebanon before Nov. 3, 1969, and registered with UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency) on that date are authorized to remain on Lebanese territory, where they will be subject to Lebanon's law on refugees.

Concerning Palestinian combatants, the text was said to stipulate that the complete list of their number and group membership should be supplied by the (PLO) to a Lebanese organization dealing with Palestinian affairs.

Unanimous OPEC oil price decision reported

KUWAIT, Feb. 12 (Agencies). — The member states of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) have reached a unanimous decision on a price rise, the daily Al Qabas said here today.

The agreement will be announced at a special OPEC meeting to be convened by the Qatari government, current OPEC president, the newspaper added.

Indian opposition challenges Mrs. Gandhi to radio, T.V. debate

NEW DELHI, Feb. 12 (R). — The Indian opposition today challenged the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, to a national radio and television American style face to face debate with their party leaders on the main issues involved in the March general elections.

The Janata Party, in a letter to the prime minister, suggested she should meet its chairman, Mr. Morarji Desai, an 81-year-old former deputy prime minister, in three debates — on economic policy, foreign policy and the internal emergency.

Congress for Democracy, the new group led by recently-resigned former Agriculture Minister Jagjivan Ram, also called for a debate between Mr. Ram and the prime minister. Mr. H.N. Bahuguna, a leader of the grouping which split from the ruling Congress Party 10 days ago, said the state-owned mass media were being used absolutely in favour of the ruling party.

Radio and television debates would be one way for the opposition to put its views across to the people.

But politicking generally remained at a low ebb for the second day as India mourned its late President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed who died early yesterday, aged 71, after two massive heart attacks.

Thousands of people filed past his body in state in the main hall of his official residence, Rashtrapati Bhavan, the former home of British viceroys. He is to be buried tomorrow in a simple grave adjoining New Delhi's green-domed Jama Masjid, near Parliament House, where he regularly attended Friday prayers. He was the second Muslim president of predominantly-Hindu India.

Government representatives from several parts of the world have started arriving here for the state funeral. They will include Mrs. Lillian Carter, the 78-year-old mother of United States President Jimmy Carter, who worked in India 10 years ago as a peace corps volunteer. She is due early tomorrow. Soviet President Nikolai Podgorny has postponed his visit to New Delhi, due to begin on Feb. 21, because of President Ahmed's death, but the elections, from March 16 to 20, will go ahead as scheduled.

Egypt's students return quietly

CAIRO, Feb. 12 (Agencies). — More than 500,000 university students quietly returned to classes throughout Egypt today after mid-term holidays which had begun one week earlier last month because of bloody food riots. Students took part in the two-day violence in which 79 people were killed and about 800 injured. Following the riots President Sadat introduced strict law and order measures, stipulating severe punishment for demonstrators, rioters and saboteurs, which won a near unanimous endorsement in a nationwide referendum. There were no police around the university grounds and a general atmosphere of calm prevailed.

Their armed presence would be restricted to "only the frontier regions that will be indicated to them" and only one training camp will be maintained. A legislative decree issued here today has also started the long task on reconstructing Lebanon's national army.

The decree, discussed by the council of ministers two days ago, has been described as providing for the rebuilding of a united officer corps.

According to the decree, during the next three months any officer has the right to submit his resignation, which the government may then accept or reject after consultation with the ministry of defence.

For the following three months, the government has the right to dismiss any officer, with due compensation, and then until the end of the year has the right to remove any officer from active service and place him "at the service of the ministry of defence."

Authoritative sources point out that the Arab deterrent force will continue to be needed in Lebanon until the national army has been reconstructed.

Heavy clashes took place today between rightwing Lebanese forces and Palestinian commandos in southern Lebanon. Reports from the area said the clashes in which automatic and heavy weapons were used, continued tonight.

Heaviest of these clashes was in the Tal Nubia area, a dominating hill between the Christian village of Alei'a and the village of Arnoun which is held by the leftists and Palestinian commandos.

Eye-witnesses said there were some casualties, but no further details were immediately available.

He said the attitude of U.S. President Jimmy Carter was unknown but that the Carter administration "is too realistic to believe that a conflict with such deep roots could be resolved in a few weeks or a few months."

"Naturally, we would prefer full-scale peace agreements," he said. "But if the Arabs feel this is still impossible, perhaps they will agree to the lesser end-of-war accords, on which Secretary of State Vance may sound them out during his visit."

Professor Avineri said limited agreements appeared to be the most logical step in view of the Israeli-Arab deadlock over Geneva.

"We will have to proceed by stages. Agreements on ending the state of war could comprise a very important stage on the road to peace."

Prof. Avineri said he believed Dr. Waldheim is now convinced that Israel is ready to go to Geneva "but only if that conference reconvenes with its original participants, thus without the PLO."

He also said that alerts he might order would be limited in order to avoid any fear that the United States might be preparing to launch an attack. The president said he had decided to cut the \$112 billion defence budget for the 1978 financial year proposed by former President Ford, but he did not say by how much.

However, he said the defence budget he would send to Congress would be larger than the \$105 billion budgeted for the current financial year.

The president was asked about recent remarks by Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro, who said in a television interview that he felt Mr. Carter would try to improve U.S.-Cuban relations after more than two decades of hostility.

President Carter said: "The thing that concerns me about Cuba is the human rights question, political prisoners and so forth. I would hope his statement would be followed by a mutual desire to reduce tensions and alleviate animosities."

He gave this assurance when reporters questioned him about his flight yesterday aboard the specially-equipped jumbo jet from which he would direct a nuclear war if all ground command posts were wiped out.

Mr. Carter's comment sought to ease concern that the emergency drills he had in mind might alarm the Soviet Union and lead to counter-measures increasing international tension.

Voluntary actions, such as turning down home heating thermostats in the current natural gas shortage caused by the severe winter, had been successful, he said.

But referring to regulations making it mandatory for car manufacturers to further reduce petrol consumption, he said: "That kind of a thing is a good part of it (the energy policy) being drawn up. The other part would be voluntary."

President Carter also told reporters today he would tell the Soviet Union if he decided to call a full-scale military alert to test America's nuclear forces.

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Moderation tango

U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance has said that he will use his upcoming Middle East trip to discuss reports that Palestinian and Arab leaders are taking up new positions of "moderation" towards Israel. The general exercise will be a helpful one, both for the education of the American leadership and for the peace hopes of the Arabs and the Israelis. But the manner in which Mr. Vance seems to approach the Middle East conflict is dangerous, and may contain the seeds of its own stalemate. We urge him to take another look at the underlying assumptions -- psychological and political -- that he brings with him to tackle the Middle East dilemma.

He is correct in sensing a new "moderation" among the Arabs, but it is really neither new, nor moderation. It is simply a more forceful statement of the Arabs' basic position that has been held for a long time. The only new thing today is that the Arabs have learned how to put their position forth in a way that attracts the attention of the world. In other words, the Arabs have started to master the art of public relations, and Mr. Vance is testament to the success of the process.

Mr. Vance says the "moderation in the Palestinian position" would help overall Middle East peace prospects, but we suggest to him that he would be missing the boat if he were to concentrate only on this Palestinian moderation that he has so suddenly perceived. Mr. Vance is showing the effects of 30 years of Zionist psychological warfare on the Western mind when he rejoices at "moderation" by the Palestinians. The Zionists have successfully had the West believe that the only problem in the Middle East is an inability by the Arabs to allow the Israelis to live in peace, and Mr. Vance partly echoes this sort of thinking when he demands that Arab concessions be made to recognise the Israelis in their own state.

Mr. Vance further says that among the elements for peace are an Israeli withdrawal from Arab lands and "finding a way to meet the legitimate interests of the Palestinian people." In principle, he has spoken wisely here, and we accept his tortured phraseology as being due to the delicacy of his position at this time. Our suggestion to Mr. Vance is that he should certainly look into the moderation he perceives among the Arabs, but he should similarly look into the Israeli side of the picture. Meeting Palestinian interests will necessarily mean a historic move to contain Zionism and to define the geographical borders of the Zionist quest in Palestine. This has never been done, but it will have to be done to assure true peace in the Middle East. In other words, Israeli moderation will also be required.

If Mr. Vance would keep this in mind before he comes out here looking for beautiful streams of moderation, he would come as a finer and more efficacious representative of his people.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Two of the Jordanian dailies Saturday again eulogised, in their editorials, Her Majesty the late Queen Alya. AL RA'I, under the heading "Love, sincerity and duty," says that real grief is proportionate to the real loss. The people's genuine grief over the last two days stemmed not from the fact that the Queen's death resembled an ancient Greek tragedy, but because duty, which has urged her to pay that dangerous visit, was the cause of her death, the paper says.

Those who watched the television newsreel on her visit to Tafleeh, and noticed the concern and the zeal in her every move, can better understand the reason behind the grief. The intensity of the love between two parties, if it exists, can be seen and valued only at moments of crisis. Alya loved the people who returned her that love, the paper says. She had a deep sense of duty which the people appreciated and acknowledged until her last day; not to mention that she was also the loyal companion of their leader which bestowed upon her also the special esteem with which the people hold their leader.

AL SHA'B, under the heading "Companion of the nation," says that the expressions of condolence which emanated from the various groups throughout the Kingdom and from abroad and the many tears shed over the loss of

Queen Alya, cannot be but inadequate signs of recognition and esteem for the humane Queen, who created for herself, both during her lifetime and by her death, a privileged place among the immortal greats forever. However, these tears and expressions of grief can never compensate for her loss, as history seldom sees immortal of her stature, the paper adds.

She has left us love, tenderness and an example to be copied, and has soared in the Jordanian skies to light our paths and to teach our present and future generations the meaning of self-denial in the service of one's country and for the happiness of one's countrymen.

Her late Majesty has left us a beautiful story which will be retold over and over again in pride by our children to children in other countries; the story of a Jordanian queen who used her throne as means to bring happiness to children and the destitute. She has lived and died for that purpose, the paper says.

"What can we say more?" the paper asks, "we can only say that there is no will above God's will."

To His Majesty King Hussein, whose loss is far greater than ours can be, the paper says, we can only express our condolences and assure him of our love: The love of all the people which he deserves at all times.

THE AMERICAN WOMEN OF AMMAN

Have cancelled their General MONTHLY MEETING, originally scheduled for Monday, Feb. 14.

NEWS FOCUS

Political influence of Egypt's Moslem Brotherhood expects blossom following recent riots

By Nabil Jumbert

CAIRO, Feb. 12 (AFP). — The Powerful ultra-religious and conservative Moslem Brotherhood, cleared by the Egyptian authorities of any part in the riots on Jan. 18 and 19, has emerged from the official campaign against the left with increased influence in Egypt's daily life.

The brotherhood, virtually smashed after one of its members attempted to assassinate President Gamal Abdul Nasser in 1954, has grown phoenix-like into a movement of considerable importance.

Its existence has not been an untroubled one -- after the arrest of its leaders and several thousand supporters in the wake of the 1954 attempt on President Nasser's life, it was again accused by the Egyptian leader of plotting to overthrow him in 1965 and was repressed throughout the Nasser era.

It managed to reorganise itself after the accession of Pre-

sident Anwar Sadat and its importance and influence have grown in recent years with the release of several thousand detained of its members.

President Sadat's clemency measures towards the brotherhood have been extended recently to include its leaders who fled to Saudi Arabia in 1954 rather than face sentences of hard labour for life that awaited them at home.

Today it publishes the monthly organ Al Da'wa ("The Call") and Al Fissam ("Union").

Al Da'wa was banned for more than 20 years and reappeared a few months ago, quickly achieving a circulation of 80,000.

When two rightwing leaders, found guilty of taking part in the attack on the Cairo Military Academy in 1974 were hanged recently, Al Da'wa described them as "martyrs" of the Moslem Brotherhood.

Rightwing "religious groups" have been formed in universities, inspired by the sect's beliefs but not openly associated with it.

They wield considerable influence and several of them have taken part in knife fights

with leftwing and Nasserite students.

It is no longer uncommon to see young women students wearing gloves and with their heads entirely hidden by a white shawl.

In some lecture halls men and women students must now sit apart.

At the Al Azhar University, the highest seat of religious learning, staff who have studied in East European countries are no longer allowed to teach.

Egyptian pilots refuse to fly planes until all the whisky on board has been taken off.

A law banning the consumption of alcohol in Egypt was officially passed in the people's Assembly then retracted at the last moment at a full session.

The propagation of the brotherhood's beliefs is not confined to newspapers -- cassette recordings of sermons by the movement's imams are on sale, and many traders in central Cairo have set up loudspeakers and play sermons haranguing passers-by and criticising the government.

At midday on Friday, the entire population of Cairo seem to be reciting verses from the Quran.

The brotherhood, aware of its new importance, is demanding the creation of its own political party with seats in the People's Assembly, as well as the strict application by the state of Islamic Law.

The government, equally aware of the brotherhood's influence, is trying to neutralise its more extreme leaders.

For example Sheikh Ghazali was relieved of his duties as an Imam for "having exploited religion to gain power" and President Sadat has refused to authorise a political party based on sectarian principles.

The left was blamed entirely for the January riots and the Moslem Brotherhood completely whitewashed, further strengthening its position.

The question now is whether it will be allowed to wait in the ante-chamber of power, alongside the political left and right.

The audience that it has among the population is still too small to make this a likelihood, but the Moslem Brotherhood showed in what it calls the "dark" era of Nasser that it does not give up easily.

Conference of South African Catholic Bishops chooses to side with liberation of blacks

By Pierre Haski

PRETORIA, Feb. 12 (AFP). — The Roman Catholic Church has decided to take a clear stand on the side of the liberation of the black people in South Africa, the Archbishop of Durban, Msgr. Denis Hurley, told Agence France Presse.

Commenting on the results of the Conference of South African Catholic Bishops, which wound up Wednesday near Pretoria, Msgr. Hurley said this stand by the Catholic Church made a confrontation with the South African government inevitable.

"The values of our Gospel and humanity that we preach oblige us to support the cause of the liberation of the black people in this country and therefore to place ourselves in conflict with the white authorities. We do not seek this conflict, but it is inevitable," said Msgr. Hurley.

The archbishop, who presides over the Catholic Church's Education Commission, said that the church's decision to integrate its private schools would not be changed despite government threats to close down schools which have allowed African and coloured children to sit side by side with whites.

The country's apartheid laws stipulate separate education for each population group.

He said that the conference of bishops had decided in principle to open to all races all Roman Catholic institutions (hospitals, orphanages, etc.) but that consultations would be held with all people concerned before this measure was applied.

"Such decisions do not have very substantial influence on the settlement of the country's problems but are rather symbolic contributions," said Msgr. Hurley, whose opinions recently led to a molotov cocktail being thrown at his home.

The archbishop said that the conference of bishops had tried to absorb the significance of last year's events in Soweto, the big black African township on the outskirts of Johannesburg. He described these events -- demonstrations and strikes by the blacks -- as a "major evolution."

"Soweto illustrates with blinding clarity the mentality of the blacks and their determination to accept no longer their condition of servitude," he said. "Soweto showed the inevitability of the choice between a radical and rapid evolution or an imminent revolution."

Giving his personal point of view on the situation in South Africa, the Durban archbishop said he held out hope of seeing any change on the part of the white community.

Individuals might change, he said, but it was impossible in present circumstances for an entire social group to change.

Msgr. Hurley denied that documents published at the close of the conference of bishops -- a declaration on conscientious objection and an commitment to the "oppressed" -- were political texts.

"We are not defining the political future of South Africa," he said. "We stand for justice in South Africa, for the realisation of the rights of the blacks. We take no stand on the problem of violence. In fact, we are not preparing the members of our church to play a political role."

Regarding the bishops' stand in favour of the right to be a conscientious objector, Msgr. Hurley said: "We reflected on the dilemma between the attitude of the blacks who think that Christians should not join an army and that of the whites for whom military service is something natural."

The bishops refused at this stage to follow the delegates

of the Catholic youth who urged the withdrawals of Roman Catholics from the South African army.

Msgr. Hurley said this debate had started in 1974, when South Africa was showing no sign of withdrawing from Namibia (South West Africa). But he said that today the constitutional Conference of Windhoek, the Namibian capital, organised by the South African government, constituted a "real effort."

By its stand, the Roman Catholic Church is today the most advanced church in black Africa. It is also a fact that 70 per cent of its 1,600,000 members are blacks, which constitutes an important factor of evolution.

However, as the archbishop deplored, it has only 10 per cent black priests compared with more than 50 per cent for the Anglican and Protestant Churches.

The positions of the Roman Catholic Church, and the extension of its conflict with the authorities, will lead the other churches to raise the same questions as the Catholic bishops on the problem of white power in the country if they wish to continue to have any influence among the blacks.

Blumenthal tells Reuters:

Financial problems will worsen in 1977 but won't be a "crunch year"

By Richard Rossi and Graham Newman

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (R). — U.S. Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal said yesterday he does not expect a world "financial crunch" in 1977, despite the recent world oil price increase and the sluggish growth of some major world economies.

In an interview with Reuters, the treasury secretary said he believes international organisations like the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund will have enough resources to cope this year, although they may later need further funding.

"As the situation progresses I think there is perhaps a need to look at whether some additional resources or standby authority needs to be put in place," he said.

President Jimmy Carter's administration has already asked Congress for funds to bring its contributions to multinational lending agencies up to date.

But it has not yet decided whether to recommend the U.S. join the \$25 billion "Safety Net" financing agreement, set up by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development to alleviate balance of payments deficits left by the oil price increases.

Mr. Blumenthal said he thought world financial problems would grow worse in 1977 although "I don't think 1977 is going to be a terrible crunch year."

But, he said, "I think it's important that in the course of (this) year, efforts be made to improve the situation for the post-77 period."

The treasury secretary said "much depends on whether some of the advanced nations are successful in stimulating the economies. If they are, it will ease the situation. If not it will worsen it."

He said much would also depend on progress in the multilateral trade negotiations in Geneva and a good start to CIEC (the north-south talks) with progress on such questions as commodity trade.

Mr. Blumenthal said the Carter administration will probably name a new special trade negotiator within the next week or two.

He said the international trade area was "an important element" of U.S. economic and foreign policy and one of the main U.S. objectives -- once he is selected -- would be to get the stalled trade talks in Geneva moving again.

Asked about U.S. relations with developing nations, Mr. Blumenthal said the main difference between the Carter and Ford administrations would be one of attitude.

"I would suspect the tally at least whatever differences exist are more subtle than they are in elements of substance."

U.S. relations with developing countries have been in the past because of willingness by the U.S. to support proposals for stabilising commodity prices and a debt relief to some of the poorest nations.

Third World nations proposed a special finance buffer stocks sale and purchase of commodities on the open market to prevent large price fluctuations from year to year.

The Ford administration resisted such schemes, but that it was better to each commodity on a case-by-case basis.

Mr. Blumenthal said he still believed a case-by-case approach to the commodity question was best, but would now be willing to a more flexible attitude.



U.S. Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal

"Take the area of commodity agreements. I think we will find perhaps the United States will go in discussions of commodity agreements on a case-by-case basis, with a more truly open and clearly a willingness to look objectively at each situation to see whether or not it could not be done that make sense," he said.

"We're also not going to hide any skepticism that may have on the character of a large raw commodity agreement, clearly the prerequisites for success are not given, ded."

He said that that kind of change in attitude would be useful because it would convince, hopefully, developing countries, that there is a prior (actual) opposition to this sort of thing and in the past there has been a feeling that there

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08:15	Book Choice	Radio Wise
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مركز الصحافة

Foreign sympathy continues to comfort King Hussein

Messages of sympathy on the death of Her Majesty Queen Alia continued to pour in to King Hussein Saturday.

Messages came in from personalities in the peninsula: The Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Khalid bin Zayed Al Nahaiyeh; the Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Thani; the Emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Mubarak Al Saud; the Emir of Bahrain, Sheikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa; the Emir of Oman, Sultan Qaboos bin Taimur Al Said; the Emir of Brunei, Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah; the Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Thani; the Emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Mubarak Al Saud; the Emir of Bahrain, Sheikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa; the Emir of Oman, Sultan Qaboos bin Taimur Al Said; the Emir of Brunei, Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah.

Prime ministers were quick to send their condolences: Britain's James Callaghan; Lebanon's Selim Al Hoss; India's Indira Gandhi; Pakistan's Zulfikar Ali Bhutto; Egypt's Marmouh Salem; and Canada's Pierre Trudeau.

Other leading personalities who expressed their sympathy included Speaker of the Lebanese Parliament Kamel Al Assad; President of the Egyptian People's Assembly Sayed Miftah; Arab League Secretary General Mahmoud Riad; Lebanese political leader Pierre Gemayel; former Lebanese President Charles Helou; High Commissioner for Refugees at the United Nations Sadruddin Aga Khan; Patriarch Antonius Greisch; and the Malaysian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Prince Abdul Aziz bin Mohammad Hamzah.

U.S. Senators Jacob Javits, Charles Percy and John Sparkman sent their sympathies.

Premier Mudar Badran received cables of sympathy on the death of Her Majesty Queen Alia from Mexico's president, the prime ministers of Iran, Spain, Sweden and Thailand; and the Japanese and Chilean foreign ministers.

He also received cables on the death of Minister of Health Mohammad Al Bashir from the ministers of health of Yugoslavia and Malta.



Sharif Nasser (left) greets Mr. Khaled Al Fahoum, Speaker of the Palestinian National Council, as he arrives at the royal palace at the head of a delegation to offer his condolences on the death of Her Majesty Queen Alia. (JNA photo).

Delegations continue to offer their condolences

AMMAN (JNA). — Several official and public delegations Saturday went to the Raghda Palace and offered their condolences on the death of the late Queen Alia.

They included a Bahraini party headed by Minister of Social Affairs Sheikh Issa bin Moha-

mmad, and one from the Palestinian National Council headed by Speaker Khaled Al Fahoum.

Other visitors to the royal palace included delegations from public and professional bodies in Jordan and the West Bank.

CONDOLENCES ABROAD

TOKYO (JNA). — His Imperial Majesty Emperor Hirohito of Japan Saturday delegated one of his chief aides to visit the Jordanian embassy and offer condolences in his and Her Majesty the Empress of Japan's name on the death of Queen Alia. The emperor's envoy expressed to the ambassador his and the empress' deep sorrow.

BUCHAREST (JNA). — Romanian Vice Chairman Emil Poppe and Nicolae Nicolae, Vice Chairman of the Cabinet Gheorghe Oprescu, Foreign Minister Gheorghe Macovescu and other ministers Saturday paid a visit to the Jordanian embassy here and offered condolences in the name of President Nicolae Ceausescu and the Romanian people on the death of Queen Alia. They said that they share with His Majesty King Hussein their grief over the tragic incident. Members of the diplomatic and consular corps in the Romanian capital and Jordanians living in the country also went to the embassy and registered their names in the condolence book.

NATIONAL NOTES

* AMMAN. — Public Security Director Maj-Gen. Ghazi Arabiyat Saturday visited the Royal Police Academy and a number of mobile police units.

* AMMAN. — The Municipal and Rural Credit Fund Saturday approved a JD 18,000 loan to the Al Khaldiyyeh Municipality in the Mafrq Governorate for the construction of a new school, and another JD 6,000 loan -- also for school construction -- to the Kafir Rakeb municipal council in the Irbid Governorate.

Palestinians visit families of deceased

AMMAN (JNA). — The Palestinian delegation headed by Mr. Khaled Al Fahoum, President of the Palestinian National Council, Saturday visited the families of the late Minister of Health, Dr. Mohammad Al Bashir, Lt.-Col. Bader Zaza and Lt.-Col. Muhammad Alkhas to offer their condolences to the families of the deceased.

KING HUSSEIN THANKS JORDANIAN PEOPLE FOR CONDOLENCES

AMMAN (JNA). — Acting on the order of His Majesty King Hussein, the Hashemite Royal Court Saturday expressed His Majesty's thanks and appreciation to all citizens, public and private associations and bodies in Jordan for their noble feelings towards him on the passing away of Queen Alia.

Exchange Rates

Following are the official exchange rates in effect at the start of today's business day, as set by the Central Bank of Jordan.

The first column is how much you would receive in Jordanian filis for selling a unit of the foreign currency, while the second column denotes how much it would cost you to buy a unit of the foreign currency:		
U.K. sterling	570.0	576.0
U.S. dollar	332.0	334.0
German mark	136.7	139.1
French franc	66.9	67.2
Swiss franc	132.5	132.9
Italian lira (for every 100)	37.7	37.9
Saudi riyal	94.6	95.0
Lebanese pound	108.7	108.6
Syrian pound	81.9	82.1
Iraqi dinar	942.0	950.0
Kuwaiti dinar	1,147	1,155
Egyptian pound	485.0	475.0
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Jordan, CARE sign rural development accord

AMMAN (JNA). — The Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the U.S. organization CARE, signed an agreement here Saturday under which the organization is to continue its programme to develop the Jordanian countryside.

The programme is being financed by CARE, the Jordanian Government and the beneficiary parties.

Under the new agreement, more than one hundred projects to improve drinking water resources and establish health centres and school buildings will be implemented.

CARE will donate equipment to the value of \$280,000, while the Jordanian Government will advance the sum of JD 35,000 to implement the agreement.

The Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs started its rural development programme in cooperation with CARE in 1969 and has so far implemented 297 projects, related to school buildings, health and social centres and water resources.

The agreement was signed for Jordan by the Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs, Mr. Ibrahim Ayoub, and for CARE by its Director in Jordan, Mr. Ralph Monty.

February programme cancelled AT THE GOETHE INSTITUTE

In mourning the sad passing of HER MAJESTY QUEEN ALIA, concerts, lectures and films scheduled for February will be cancelled.

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Jordan branch and staff offer their sincerest condolences to His Majesty King Hussein, the Royal Hashemite family and the Jordanian people at the sad passing of HER MAJESTY QUEEN ALIA.

The director and the staff of the GERMAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE (Goethe Institute)

extend their deepest sympathy and condolences to His Majesty King Hussein, the Royal Family and the people of Jordan at the sad passing of HER MAJESTY QUEEN ALIA.

Arab media meet opens in Cairo

CAIRO (JNA). — The Assistant Secretary General of the Arab League, Dr. Selim Al Yafi, has called for the intensification of Arab information media efforts in order to unravel the true nature of the Zionist entity.

Dr. Yafi was opening the 31st session of the Permanent Committee on Arab media here Saturday.

He said the world has witnessed that the Arabs have right on their side and are working for peace and for the establishment of justice and law.

More than 30 items will be discussed by the permanent committee. The Jordanian delegation to the meeting is headed by Nassouh Al Majali, Director General of the Hashemite Broadcasting Service.

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Scottish clans to come together for great family reunion

EDINBURGH (LPS). - Few of the world's social organisations have so captured the imagination as the Scottish clan system. It has carried into modern times the principles of tribalism and inheritance, based on a feudal concept of kinship and today there are more than 400 Caledonian societies functioning outside of Britain, with clan societies in places as far apart as Sydney and Toronto.

The clan -- the word is derived from the Gaelic for "children" -- was the Scots equivalent of a family where no class divisions existed, and where the chief was the paterfamilias, related by blood to the humblest of his name.

Over the centuries highlanders have carried their pioneering spirit to the far corners of the world. The descendants of many of these highland families, now citizens of the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the West Indies, Africa and Latin America, will journey to Scotland this year for an international gathering of the clans organised by the Earl of Elgin, head of the Bruce family.

Variety of Events

The gathering will open in Edinburgh in April and will continue until May. The events will fall into two parts, with the first week here in the Scottish capital and the second in

the various clan territories in the highlands. Between 15,000 and 20,000 clansmen from overseas are expected to attend the gathering.

Piping and highland games have been organised in Edinburgh, together with Scottish country dancing, fiddlers' rallies, concerts by combined Gaelic choirs from Glasgow and Edinburgh, and music from the massed pipes and bands of the Scottish regiments.

On two separate evenings, the Scottish National Orchestra and Chorus, and the British Broadcasting Corporation's Scottish Symphony Orchestra with the Edinburgh Choral Union will give concerts of works by Scottish composers.

The University of Edinburgh has arranged a series of five lectures followed by a day-long conference on highland history. There also will be exhibitions of tartans and clan histories during which clan chiefs will be able to meet their clansmen.

During the second week of the gathering most clans are organising tours of their territories. The Gordons, for example, will visit Aberdeenshire.

The MacDonalds have chartered a 20,000 ton steamship, the Calypso. Clan members will fly from Canada and the United States to Scotland and board the Calypso at Edinburgh's port of Leith. For the first

week they will use the vessel as a base from which to take part in the events in Edinburgh. Then the Calypso will sail from Leith round the north of Scotland and into the seas of the Hebrides and west highlands.

The Campbells are planning a gathering at Inverary, the home of their chief, the Duke of Argyll.

Unbroken Spirit

The spirit of the clans survived the defeat of the Jacobite clans at Culloden in 1745 and the subsequent clearances of the highlands. The failure of the Jacobite movement in Scotland was significant because it led to fundamental changes in the clan system. The wearing of the kilt was prohibited, clan lands were confiscated by the crown, and many highlanders emigrated or were deported. But their clan loyalties persisted.

With the death of Prince Charles in Italy, the Jacobite chiefs came gradually to accept the offer of the British government and raised highland regiments in the service of the crown as a means of retrieving their estates. Most clans were instrumental in the founding of these regiments, which were to fight with distinction in all the major campaigns of the British army.

Fighting Force

In Canada in the winter of 1812 the fiery cross -- the symbol for rallying the clans and last used in Scotland in 1745 -- was carried through the lands of Glengarry, MacDonnell and MacDonalds, who had settled there, gathered under their chiefs to form a force of fighting men that eventually repulsed an American raid. Even the celebrated Flora MacDonald, who had given Prince Charles shelter on the island of Skye after Culloden, emigrated to North America where she raised a regiment of highlanders that fought with distinction for the British crown in the wars of independence.

Many highland chiefs, like their more humble kinsmen, no longer own their ancestral lands. Lord Reay, chief of the clan MacKay, which once dominated most of Sutherland, is a politician in Brussels. The Straun Robertson is a citizen of Jamaica.

However, some chiefs still live on the ancestral clan lands. They include The Lochell, chief of the Camerons; Lord MacDonald, head of the Donald clan; and Lord Lovat, chief of the Frasers, who farms in the ancient Fraser lands of Invernesshire.

The highlander at home and abroad still retains a feeling of kinship for his clan and chief and a love for and pride in his homeland.



Princes Street, Edinburgh, with the Scott Monument on the right, the Royal Scottish Academy and the National Gallery in the middle distance and, on its rock, Edinburgh Castle, a symbol of Scottish power.



The skill of the pipes and the swirl of kilts come together at a highland gathering in Argyleshire in western Scotland.

THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN AMMAN WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY (AWSA)

INVITATION FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY AND FINAL DESIGN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABDOUN EARTH-FILL DAM IN AMMAN AREA.

The Amman Water and Sewerage Authority (AWSA) intends to retain the service of an internationally qualified and experienced consulting firm to prepare, in association with a qualified Jordanian consulting firm, feasibility study and final design for the construction of Abdoun Dam in Amman area according to the terms of reference which can be obtained from the AWSA office in Amman.

Firms interested in undertaking this work are hereby requested to submit their proposals in three separate sealed envelopes, clearly numbered No. 1, No. 2, No. 3.

These envelopes shall contain the following:

- Envelope 1: Pre-qualification information giving details of the firm and its experience in the fields relating to the project.
- Envelope 2: Technical proposal based on the terms of reference, including schedule of work and staff.
- Envelope 3: Fees and basis of its calculation for each item of the project.

All envelopes should be numbered and marked:

"FEASIBILITY STUDY AND FINAL DESIGN OF ABDOUN DAM",

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GOREN BRIDGE

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1-1-Both vulnerable, as
outh you hold:

♠K855 ♥7 ♠A983 ♦7642
he bidding has proceeded:
orth East South West
♥ Pass 1 ♦ Pass
♥ Pass 3 ♦ Pass
♥ Pass 7
What do you bid now?

...Five diamonds. Your
reference to partner's first bid
expressed no special in-
terest in game, despite his re-
serve. Nevertheless, he bid on
knowing a 6-5 distribution in the
ad suits. Your singleton in his
second suit, and four trumps to
be ace are gold, even if the king
of spades proves worthless. In-
stead, you should be delighted if
partner goes on to slam.

2-Neither vulnerable, as
outh you hold:
♠A9 ♥A87 ♦K1073 ♠Q85
artner, opens the bidding
ith two no trump. What do
ou respond?

...A direct raise to seven no
trump would be ambitious, while
mere six no trump would
be of your hand full justice. The
option is to bid five no trump.
artner must bid six no trump if
he has a minimum (22 points),
and is invited to a grand slam if
he has more than that.

3-As South, vulnerable,
ou hold:
♠J965 ♥KJ8 ♦KJ1073 ♠8
he bidding has proceeded:
ast South West North
♠ Pass 1 ♦ Dble.
♠ Pass 2 ♦ Pass 3 ♠
♠ Pass ?
What action do you take?

1-By bidding a new suit when
ou could have in virtual bust-
artner has shown a pretty good
and. Since you were almost
strong enough for a jump re-
ponse originally, we would con-
sider it cowardly indeed if you
did not bid three no trump now.

4-As South, vulnerable,
ou hold:
♠A9853 ♥A10764 ♦8 ♠73
he bidding has proceeded:
orth East South West
♦ Pass 1 ♦ Pass
♦ Pass 3 ♦ Pass

4 ♠ Pass ?
What action do you take?

A1-The auction is forcing to
game, so you cannot pass—much
as you might like to. The only
sensible course is to bid five
clubs. Since partner has shown
ten or eleven cards in the minors,
there is no future in rebidding
your hearts.

Q.5-As South, vulnerable,
ou hold:
♠AQ ♥K107 ♦QJ63 ♠J762
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♥ Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—One no trump. Though you
have adequate support to raise
hearts, you have a balanced hand
with stoppers in all suits and a
great deal of your strength con-
centrated in your short suit. A
no trump rebid is more descrip-
tive than a raise to two hearts.

Q.6-As South, vulnerable,
ou hold:
♠AK8762 ♥K6 ♦J8 ♠K98

The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♦ Pass 2 ♥ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 2NT Pass ?

What do you bid now?

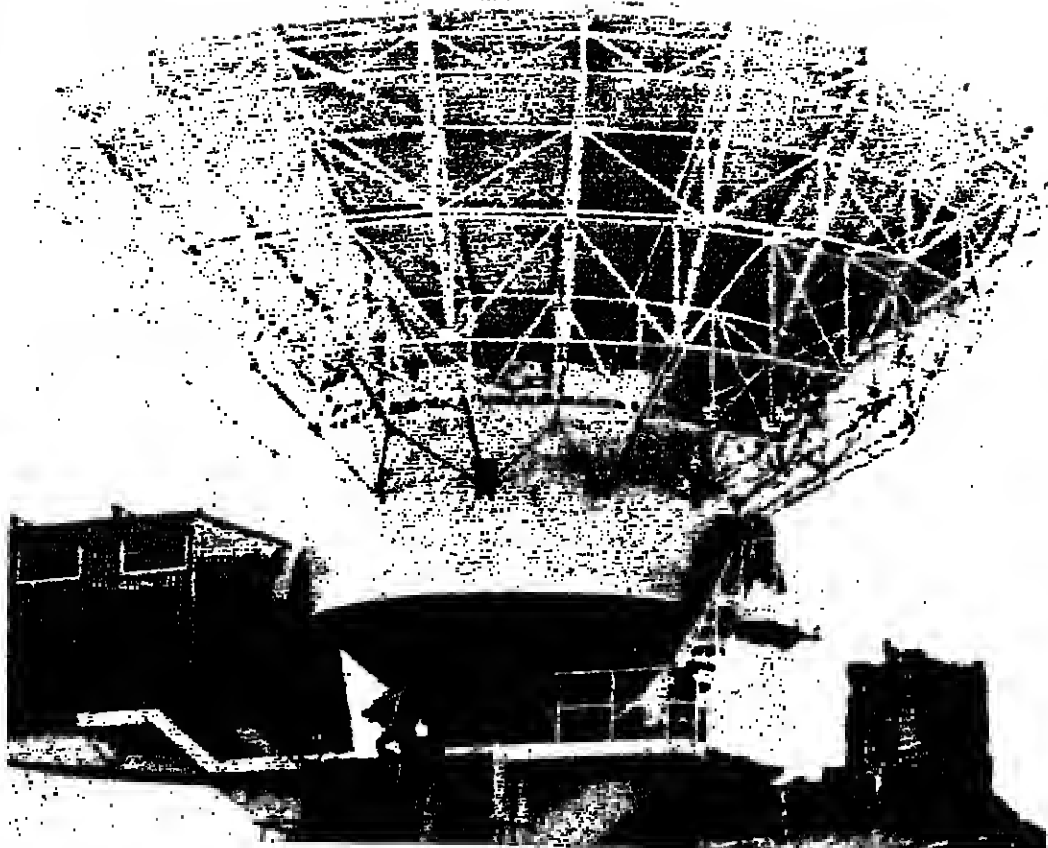
A.—Three no trump. You have
honors in every suit and no
distinctive distributional
feature, so why not make the
most descriptive bid? Three
spades would be an underbid;
four spades would be too
unilateral. At no trump, you
might be able to run either major
suit for nine tricks.

Q.7-Neither vulnerable, as
outh you hold:
♠8 ♥AK98 ♦A8762 ♠J62

The bidding has proceeded:
North East South
1 ♦ 2 ♠ ?
What action do you take?

A.—You could easily have a
gamma. However, the hand might
also prove to be a misfit. What
you do know is that you are
looking at three sure defensive
tricks and a singleton in part-
ner's suit. A penalty, double
could bring in a bonanza if part-
ner has a suitable holding, and if
partner is not prepared to
defend, you will be in a firm
ground to locate your best con-
tract.

THE PAGE FIVE FEATURE PHOTO



EARS TO THE SKY — From
this autumn Europe's Geos
satellite will relay data from
an altitude of 36,000 tons to
a tracking station in south-
ern Spain, where an antenna
is now being assembled pho-
to. Siemens are building an-
other tracking station -- with
twin 15-metre-diameter "ear-
s" cocked at outer space --
in Michelstadt, near Frank-
furt, for the European Space
Agency. Michelstadt will also
receive radio photo signals
from Meteosat, another Eu-
ropean space project. West
German Research Minister
Hans Matthöfer, at the in-
auguration ceremony, hailed
the new tracking station as a
nerve centre of European
space research.

Your Daily HOROSCOPE

from the CARROLL RIGHTER INSTITUTE

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Early morning is best time to
make whatever plans or decisions are important to you.
Also a good time to start a trip or consider who is best able
to help you gain the progress that interests you. The
rest of the day and evening are fine for thinking over plans
already in your mind, making necessary changes.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You have an inspiration in
the morning that you can work on later in the day with
good results following. Plan how to turn a worthwhile new
acquaintance into a good friend. Do not waste time.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Decide early what is best
for you to do and schedule your activities wisely. Try to
meet the expectations of mate and have more harmony.
Avoid one who is trying to take advantage of you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Morning is a good time to
come to a better agreement with a partner, but then be
sure to do whatever you have promised. Plan how to make
some public work very successful. Take time for pleasure
with friends.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Spend some
time planning how to finish work that is ahead of you.
Then proceed to do so tomorrow. Take time for health
treatments also.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) You are inspired how best to
enjoy yourself and can do so and gain the uplift of spirit
you need. Get some work done on a hobby that means
much to you. Avoid one who has an eye on your assets.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Listen to what a close tie
has to suggest that could be most helpful. Put your princi-
ples on a more practical basis. Avoid the temptation to
lambast another.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Attend a group affair where
you get fine philosophical precepts on which to base your
life in the future. Then visit with friends, relatives you feel
can be helpful to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Put that theory to work
now that can lead to greater success for you and be sure
you are practical. Contact those persons who can be
of assistance to you. Drive carefully.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Make decisions
early regarding important matters and then handle the
practical work connected with it. Plan how to entertain
others and gain their favor. Take no chances where
reputation is concerned.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Try to please your
mate more and get personal matters handled in a nice
way. Go out socially and make new acquaintances of
worth, good character. Take time for helpful meditation.

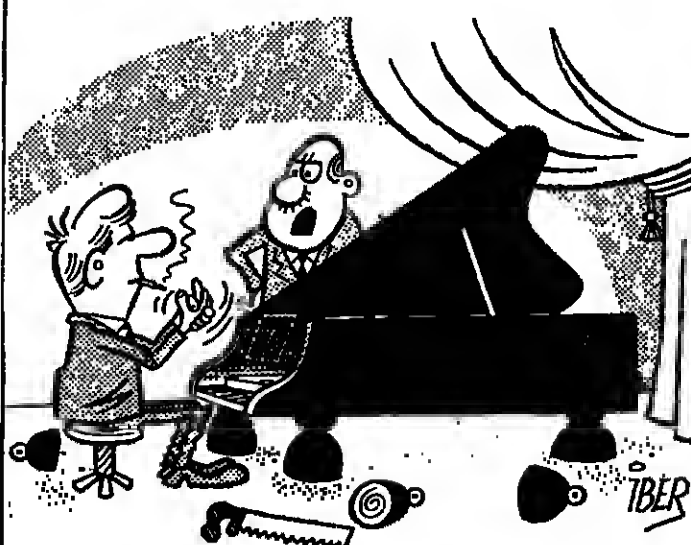
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Try to please friends
more and gain their favor so that you can all be happier
in the future. Join some group affair that will bring you more
friends.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Look to a good friend
with plenty of experience to help you in some
important civic matter. Attend some social affair where
you meet influential persons who can be helpful to you.



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BY BOSS'S
WIFE

LAUGHS FROM EUROPE



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"Wouldn't it have been easier just to swivel up the
piano stool?"

THE BETTER HALF By Barnes



"Just how fond have you grown of three square meals
a day?"

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one letter to each square, to form
four ordinary words.

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Answers Tuesday

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Answer: What her "heartthrob" was—HER PULSE

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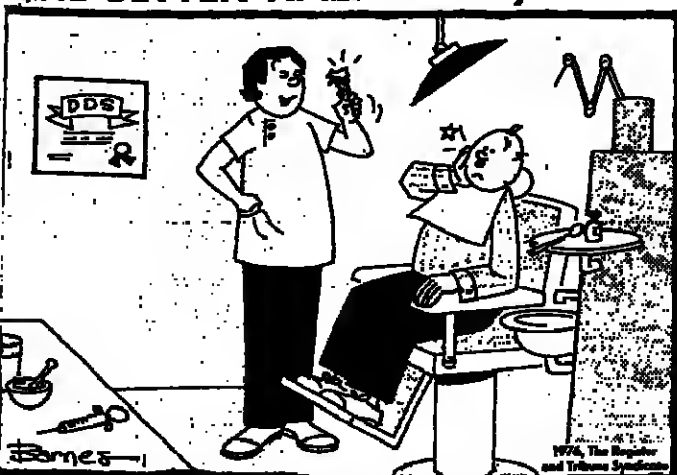
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THE BETTER HALF By Barnes



"Ah! Quite a specimen! This one should bring at least
\$50 from your tooth fairy."

APOLOGY

The Jordan Times apologises for the non-appear-
ance of the daily crossword. Our stocks have
literally run dry, and in the meantime we're
awaiting our next batch from our suppliers in
the U.S. We shall resume publication as soon as
is humanly possible.

THE FLINTSTONES



MUTT AND JEFF



Carter tests U.S. nuclear airborne command; finds it a sobering experience

PLAINS, Georgia, Feb. 12 (R). — President Carter flew home to Georgia aboard the Presidential Airborne Command Post last night and said it was a sobering experience which brought home to him his responsibility for averting a nuclear war.

The president travelled on the specially-equipped Boeing 747 to test America's ability to control its strategic forces from the air if a surprise attack knocked out all its ground command posts.

"It was very sobering," he told reporters. "It's a realisa-

tion of what might occur unless we assure peaceful relations with other nations."

The so-called Domesday Jet would be used in a nuclear war if the president were unable to reach an emergency command post at Fort Ritchie in Maryland.

Mr. Carter was the first president to fly on the plane and check its top secret communications equipment.

Officials on the aircraft said the president could be airborne and in command of U.S. forces throughout the world within 15 minutes of leaving the White House by helicopter.

Giscard sees Israel's Paris envoy in bid to improve disrupted ties

PARIS, Feb. 12 (R). — President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing yesterday saw Israeli Ambassador Mordechai Gazit in a bid to improve relations with Israel, disrupted by France's release of Palestinian guerrilla leader Abu d'awud.

The ambassador, who returned to his post here last Friday after being recalled home for three weeks in protest against Abu d'awud's release, described his one-hour meeting with the French leader as frank and cordial.

Mr. Gazit informed Mr. Giscard of Eisinger's disquiet over French initiatives in the search for peace in the area. The Israeli wish to leave the main task to the United States, which co-chairs the Geneva peace conference with the Soviet Union, according to Israeli officials.

Israel has already requested the European Common Market countries not to talk with the Arabs about Middle East peace "unless Israel is present."

Instead of contributing to the cause of peace and economic well-being in the whole area, a dialogue of this kind could become a dangerous instrument that would reduce the role of Europe in the Middle East, Israeli officials here claim.

French Foreign Minister Louis de Guiringaud is due to visit Israel on March 30 and 31 following a tour of four Arab capitals — Cairo, Beirut, Damascus and Amman — later this month.

Mr. Gazit's visit to the Elysee Palace was this week's third move towards putting Franco-Israeli relations on a better footing.

The ambassador met M. de Guiringaud on Monday and the two sides agreed to review certain aspects of their extradition treaty to iron out differences of interpretation. On Tuesday, the French minister held talks with his Israeli opposite number Yigal Allon in Brussels.

Mr. Gazit was asked by reporters following his meeting with President Giscard d'Estaing if the row between France and Israel was now over. Mr. Gazit said he would stick with what he said earlier.

"I wish to add nothing," he said. However, on being pressed to qualify the current state of Franco-Israeli relations, Mr. Gazit said: "The relations of our two countries are normal and an effort is being made to improve them."

Asked by a reporter if this effort was coming from one side only, or both sides, Mr. Gazit replied that this effort must obviously be made "by the two sides."



SPACE SHUTTLE — United States' space shuttle Space Shuttle 101 rides atop a Boeing 747 aircraft Thursday at Edwards Air Force Base, California. The two craft are being towed to a hanger area for testing. The first actual taxi tests are scheduled for Feb. 15, with the first flight on Feb. 18. (AP wirephoto).

Ethiopia's Col. Mengistu will not be mere figurehead

ADDIS ABABA, Feb. 12 (R). — Ethiopia's new head of state, Lieut. Col. Mengistu Haile-Mariam, has gained control of all aspects of national life since the killing of his predecessor and six other leading colleagues, political analysts said today.

Col. Mengistu, at 39 one of the world's youngest and least-known national leaders, was named last night as chairman of the Military Council, the Dergue, which has ruled Ethiopia since the overthrow of the late Emperor Haile Selassie in 1974.

He had been effective leader of Ethiopia behind the largely figurehead Chairman, Brig. Gen. Teferi Bante, killed in a gunbattle at Dergue headquarters here on Feb. 3, and the analysts said it was clear he had no intention of being a merely formal head of state now.

The proclamation announcing Col. Mengistu's appointment said he would combine the powers he held as first vice chairman with the increased powers of the chairmanship mapped out last December in what was then seen as an attempt to limit his influence.

Lieut. Col. Atanfu Abate was named as First Vice Chairman but his duties, mainly concerned with defence and the creation of a huge people's militia, have not changed from those he exercised as second vice chairman.

Col. Atanfu is regarded by

many here as a strong rival to the chairman.

Some observers have suggested that the two men, who have been linked since 1974 despite their differences, might have reached an understanding under which Col. Mengistu runs the government at the centre while Col. Atanfu operates in the field.

Col. Mengistu is not only formal head of state but chairman of all three sections of the Dergue, head of the largely civilian Council of Ministers, chief of the Defence and Security Council, and commander-in-chief.

Col. Mengistu, "supervises the implementation of the country's political, economic and social policies as well as international agreements," last night's proclamation said.

"He will take measures against counter-revolutionaries and enemies of the people," it added.

The seven people killed last week were described as counter-revolutionaries and an official statement said they had been executed for their plotting.

Among them were people known to be concerned about Col. Mengistu's individual power.

Last night's statement said the reorganising of the Dergue was aimed at speeding the Marxist revolution here "so as to assist the progressive forces in establishing a workers' party."

The day after the killings, Col. Mengistu himself pro-

mised democratic rights to the people but few here expected an early transfer to civilian rule.

The colonel already has full control over a civilian politburo known as the People's Office for Mass Organizational Affairs which is charged with increasing political consciousness among the masses.

Some of the politburo's employees have been the victims of murder blamed on an underground Marxist group, the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party (EPRP), which has been threatened with tough treatment under Col. Mengistu's tightened rule.

The only other man of importance in the Dergue, its secretary general, has not been named.

Nor have those chosen to replace the six killed with Gen. Teferi. They were on the powerful Standing Committee which is at the centre of the Dergue.

Vance begins Mideast tour Monday in search of formula for peace

By Roy Gutman

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (R). — U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance flies to the Middle East next Monday in search of a formula to bring Arabs and Israelis to the conference table to resume solid peace negotiations this year.

The trip — to Israel, Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Syria — comes just three weeks after President Carter took office.

It follows statements from him that genuine efforts for peace in the Middle East are a top priority of his administration.

Mr. Vance conveyed this feeling of urgency in an interview this week.

"It is terribly important that progress be made, and that it be made in 1977," he told the New York Times.

He has, however, described his trip only as a fact-finding mission to meet heads of government and obtain first-hand assessments of the situation.

While saying the United States must play a very active role, he added his mission was aimed not at coming up with a specific plan but at "facilitating the process of the parties arriving at a settlement."

He told foreign diplomats here he had a clear vision of what could be done in the Middle East but needed to find out what the "negotiating game" would be.

So what he will want to find out will be when and under what conditions the parties can be brought back to negotiations — presumably in Geneva where the U.S. and Soviet Union briefly convened a Middle East peace conference late in December, 1973.

Arab U.S. and Israeli diplomats agree that it will be several months before the conference can meet again.

Despite a United Nations General Assembly resolution cal-

ling for it to resume in March, most think it will not take place before next autumn — chiefly because Israel is preoccupied with national elections taking place in May.

Mr. Vance goes to the Middle East amid a variety of encouraging signs. Potentially most significant are reported assurances by Palestinian leaders that they could accept Israel as a state, setting up their own "mini-state" alongside it.

United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim said after several rounds of talks last week with PLO leader Yasser Arafat that the Palestinian attitude was changed and more flexible. He did add, however, that any real shift in PLO attitudes would have to be confirmed when the Palestine National Council meets — by April.

Mr. Vance told the New York Times that if there was a moderation of the Palestinian point of view "obviously this would be a helpful step." He added that he wanted to hear Arab leaders' views on the reported Palestinian shifts.

A second favourable sign was an announcement by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of an accommodation with Syria and Lebanon to de-fuse a potential crisis over the stationing of Syrian troops in southern Lebanon. The United States mediated in the discussions, but has disclosed nothing about the outcome.

All this comes after repeated calls by Egypt and Syria for a start to negotiations. There is an urgency behind the Arab calls. As one Arab diplomat here put it: "Last year, time was against Israel — with unrest among Israeli Arabs and the West Bank disturbances. The Cairo riots and the situation in the Lebanon show that this year time is against the Arabs."

It appears from here that some progress has been made already on the technicalities of the Geneva conference — particularly the thorny question of Palestinian representation.

The PLO, weakened by the Lebanon civil war seems to have modified its position on this question.

Israel and the United States have refused to deal with the

PLO until it accepts the tenet of Israel — and refuse to have the PLO part in its own right in Geneva conference.

Both Egyptian President Sadat and Mr. Hafez, President of Syria, the apparent concurred Mr. Arafat, have proposed that there be a all-Arab delegation at the conference, with Palestinians included among it.

Beyond the technical Mr. Vance will ultimately to determine what sort of settlement can be achieved this time.

Israel is believed to feel that Egypt and Syria not willing to sign an agreement that establish diplomatic ties.

Short of that, in an for an agreement end state of war, Israel is willing to withdraw from occupied Arab territory in "exchange for" — at the time a complete peace be negotiated.

Israel, with some renege by Egypt and Syria stressed that any Palestine should be set up some sort of federation with Jordan.

The horizon, from the ington perspective, is a gathering bright. There seemingly intractable of Jerusalem, which wants to retain as a Israeli city and the Arab want internationalised, turned to its pre-1967.

More immediately, a pending question of shipments to Israel. Mr. has said he will make a mediation to President by Monday on whether United States should call a cessation of hostilities.

The bombs were by President Ford before the U.S. election. Nov. 2, and Mr. Carter said the decision was made, without seeking advice of the State and Departments.

Israel regards the Po ge as a U.S. commitment. Arab states will not de elect strongly if the Ca ministration decides to bombs.

Conference on Mediterranean pollution adopts drastic agenda

ATHENS, Feb. 12 (R). — Sixteen Mediterranean countries agreed during a five-day conference which ended yesterday that drastic measures must be taken to protect the inland sea from land-based pollution.

The inter-governmental conference of legal and technical experts was organised by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) as a follow-up to a meeting in Barcelona in 1975 which debated protection of the Mediterranean from pollution by dumping of dangerous chemicals "into the sea."

"The Athens conference ended in great success. The delegates agreed on principles which will be converted into an international agreement," a delegate said.

He said that pollution from land-based sources was the principal problem facing the Mediterranean. "This is the result of human activities in industry, transportation, agriculture and other fields," he added.

The delegates pledged to take all appropriate measures to prevent, abate and combat pollution of the Mediterranean Sea from land-based sources in their territories, an announcement said.

But other less industrialised countries demanded that anti-pollution measures should be taken as soon as possible, he said.

They also agreed on principles for inclusion in a draft protocol which will come up for discussion in Venice at the next meeting of experts from Oct. 17 to 21. The Venice session will be followed by a meeting of governments in Monaco on Nov. 28.

"The protocol should apply to all polluting discharges reaching the Mediterranean from the territories of the countries directly from the coast through coastal dumping or from coastal establishments or outfalls, through run-off from land, through rivers, canals and other watercourses," the announcement said.

Participating countries were: Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Libya, Lebanon, Malta, Monaco, Morocco, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey and Yugoslavia. Syria and Albania did not attend.

Mr. Constantine Stavropoulos, Greek Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, who presided over the meeting, told reporters that some industrialised countries argued that pollution should be eliminated gradually and by stages because of the heavy cost involved.

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U.K. football roundup Woods, Royle star div. I on knife edge

LONDON, Feb. 12 (R). — Clive Woods of Ipswich Town and Joe Royle of Manchester City were the vital goal scorers today as the English soccer league championship stood on a knife edge.

Woods headed Ipswich to a 1-0 home win over Aston Villa, while Royle's 53rd minute shot gave Manchester City the same margin over Arsenal.

The victories left Ipswich and Manchester City breathing right down the neck, of league leaders Liverpool who were unable to play because of a waterlogged pitch at Coventry.

Liverpool have 35 points, while Ipswich and Manchester City both have 34 points with three and two matches in hand respectively.

Ipswich could feel well pleased with their triumph over fast improving Aston Villa who had not conceded a goal since New Year's day. The Villa defence finally cracked in the 44th minute when Woods headed home from close range following a high free kick from Mick Mills.

While the leading contenders were locked in tight Manchester United made their recent improvement a 3-1 triumph at Tottenham for a ninth win in a row.

West Ham, fighting to get out of the relegation area, beat Stoke with a seventh minute rough Bryan Robson: spectacular display by goalkeeper Peter Shilton vented a hatred of goalkeepers, another of

legation candidates, when at home 2-1 to City after taking an early lead through a header by B. Chford. Leicester came through with goals by Steve and Brian Alderson.

The result of the day's games came at a time where champions Rangers were down at home 3-2 to United.

Rangers, who were also up after 20 minutes when Colin Jackson and McDonald, threw victory and with it possible chance of retaining the title.

While Rangers slump continued their win over the top of the division with a 2-0 win over Celtic.

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ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS NEWS

U.N. source discloses that Britain accused East Europeans of violating economic sanctions against Rhodesia

UNITED NATIONS, New York, Feb. 12 (AFP). — A reliable source at United Nations headquarters confirmed yesterday that Britain last year accused the Soviet Union, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Romania of trading steadily with Rhodesia.

Four British notes accusing the various Eastern European governments were submitted to the U.N. Security Council's Committee to Police Economic Sanctions against Rhodesia, the source said.

In Prague yesterday, the Foreign Trade Ministry denied "the possible commercial transactions with Rhodesia" indicated in press reports about the British allegations. Czechoslovakia was strictly abiding by economic sanctions against the "racist Rhodesian regime," the ministry said.

The allegations were mentioned in a committee report listing 58 alleged cases of violating U.N. resolutions for sanctions by enterprises in various countries including Belgium, Italy, West Germany,

Japan, Switzerland, Turkey, Israel, the United States and several African countries.

The confidential report has not been made public. The sanctions committee, consisting of all 15 Security Council members, apparently hesitated to embarrass the Soviet Union.

Moscow advocates a tight economic quarantine against Rhodesia. The Kremlin has repeatedly complained about U.S. imports of Rhodesian chrome.

The British notes charged that a Rhodesian trading company named Michelle Enterprises Ltd. was exporting tobacco that ended up in the Soviet Union, and importing chemical products, farm machinery and other equipment from Eastern Europe.

The notes said three trading companies in Geneva, Switzerland, — Comas, Tobacconerie and Centrex — were selling cigarettes to Eastern Europe made from Rhodesian tobacco. The cigarettes were packaged to resemble four U.S. brands. One British note alleged that

a Soviet state trading agency and the Bulgarian National Tobacco Agency negotiated with the Geneva firm Intrabex to buy tobacco that was sold by a Rhodesian concern, Tradimpex.

Another note stated that a British subsidiary of the East German optical instrument enterprise Carl Zeiss of Jena was fined the equivalent of \$10,000 after pleading guilty to supplying Rhodesia with East German apparatus.

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ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

KUWAIT, Feb. 12 (R). — The Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) today criticised the International Energy Agency (IEA) as a body designed to deprive the oil producers of any power they possess. A leading article in this month in the Organisation's bulletin said that to call the agency "international" was a misnomer. The 18-member IEA was an offshoot of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), itself a regional organisation whose membership was limited to 24 industrialised countries, it added.

KUWAIT, Feb. 12 (R). — The pan-Arab owned Arab Maritime Petroleum Transport Company (AMPTC) now operates eight oil tankers totalling over two million tonnes, according to the monthly bulletin of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC). The bulletin said AMPTC, an OAPEC affiliate, was also due to take delivery of two large liquefied gas carriers in the next two years.

TEL AVIV, Feb. 12 (R). — Israeli exports to black African countries have almost doubled despite the almost complete break in relations since the 1973 Middle East war, an Israeli official said today. Mr. Akiva Eger, Director of the Histadrut trade union federation's Afro-Asian Institute, told Israel Radio that exports during the first 10 months of 1976 topped \$35 million, compared with \$18 million in a similar period before the war.

KEELUNG, Taiwan, Feb. 12 (R). — Pollution experts today battled round the clock against huge oil slicks and generation at a nearby thermal power plant had to be cut following the grounding of a Kuwaiti-registered tanker here. Officials involved in the anti-pollution operation said damage to sea life and the tourist beaches around Keelung was likely to be substantial. Only the stern of the 21,604-ton Borag, which grounded on a reef near here on Monday, remained above water today, a harbour spokesman said.

JAKARTA, Feb. 12 (AFP). — The five members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) will send 100 delegates to talks on investment and business promotion scheduled with the European Economic Community in Brussels from April 4, this year, Indonesian Mining Minister Mohammad Sadli revealed today. Returning from a round trip to Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines aimed at preparing for the Brussels meeting, Mr. Sadli said each ASEAN country would send seven government officials and 13 representatives of the private sector.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

KHARTOUM, Feb. 12 (R). — Sudan has evidence that Ethiopia is training Sudanese refugees for subversive activities in this country, Sudanese Minister of Information and Culture Bona Malwal said today. In an interview with Reuters, he was being asked why Sudan's President Jaafar Nimeiri changed his attitude to the Eritrean Liberation Front (ELF) last month — from wishing to mediate between the front and the Ethiopian rulers to avowed support of it.

MOSCOW, Feb. 12 (AFP). — The Soviet Communist Party newspaper Pravda today accused Western critics of the Communist governments' attitude to civil rights of trying to discredit and divide the left and discredit Socialism. In a blast against the West's "ramblings over civil rights," quoted by Tass news agency, Pravda singled out for criticism protests over the fate of the USSR's own dissidents whom it described as "a pitiful bunch of ill-humoured anti-Soviet persons, who slander their country and their people."

RIYADH, Feb. 12 (AFP). — Sudanese Prime Minister Al Rashid Al Tahir Bakr arrived here today on an official visit and immediately began talks with Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Faisal. It was reported. The Sudanese premier was accompanied by Foreign Minister Mansour Khalid and Interior and Security Minister Abdul Wahab Ibrahim. Saudi Arabia's Deputy Second Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah took part in the talks.

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